



THOUSAND ISLANDS

Souvenir ^{of} the Thousand Islands

AND RIVER ST. LAWRENCE

OVER ONE HUNDRED BEAUTIFUL IL-
LUSTRATIONS OF ISLAND, COTTAGE,
HOTEL AND STEAMBOAT SCENERY

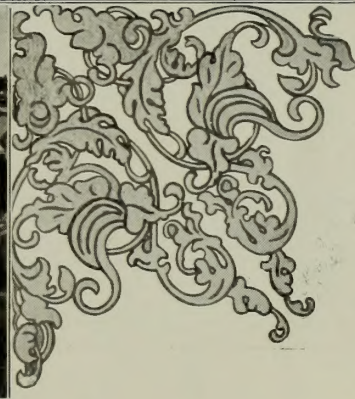
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The City of Kingston.—A quaint old city of about twenty thousand inhabitants, built almost entirely of solid lime stone. The strongest fortified city west of Quebec. Noted for its educational advantages. Its Military College makes it the "West Point" of Canada. The Queen's University, Royal Medical College, School of Art and Science, School of Mining, Kingston Business College, Kingston Female College, together with two or three convents and several smaller institutions of learning, give it its reputation in that line. It is beautifully situated at the foot of lake navigation, at the head of the Thousand Islands and River St. Lawrence. The general appearance of the city is that of solidity. The amount of limestone used in its construction gives it the name of "Limestone City." The above picture is taken from Fort Henry, looking west, showing some of the Martello Towers, the Military College, the harbor and the city in the distance.

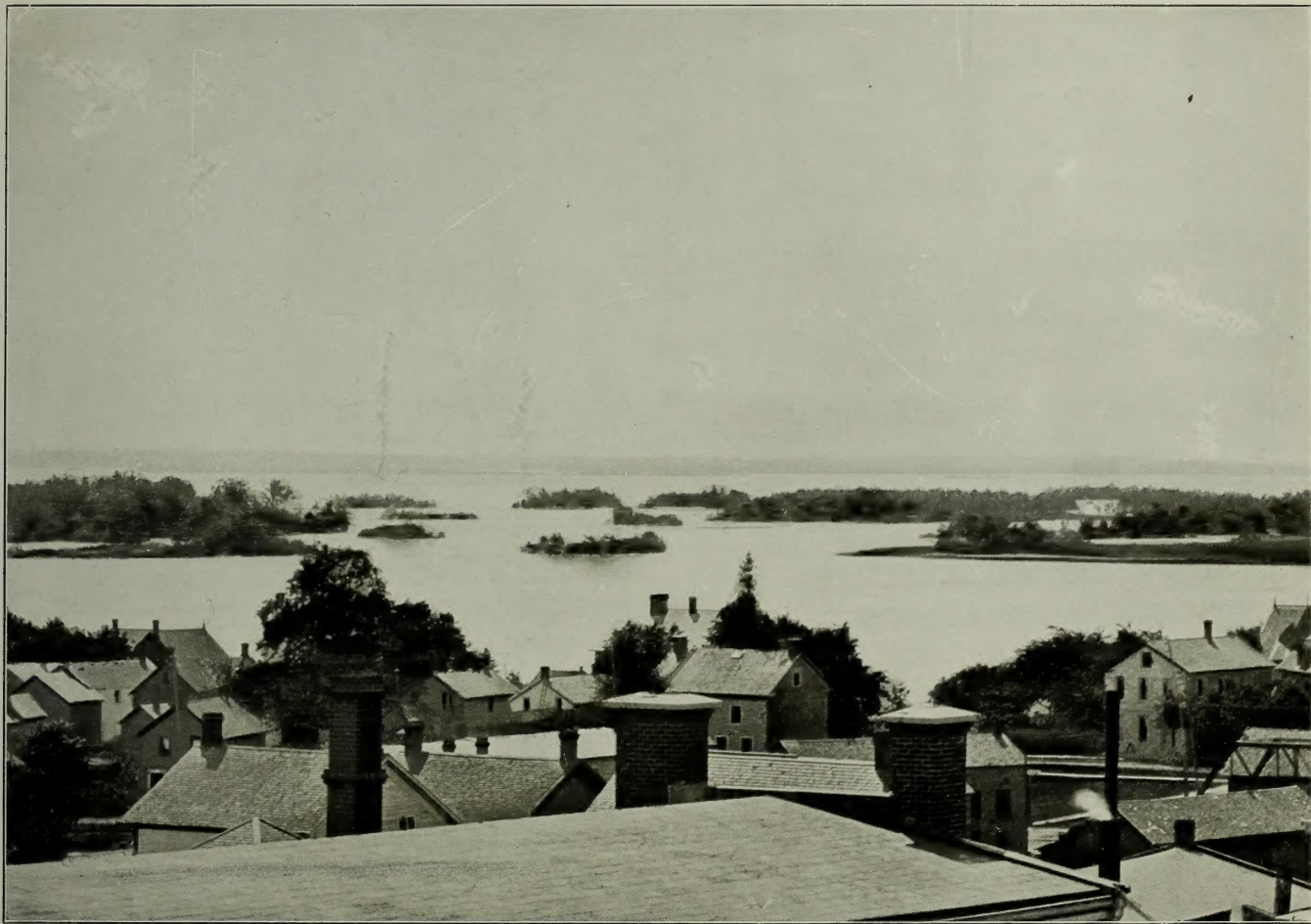


Kingston Harbor and Kingston in the Distance, from the Military College.

Whiskey or Sentinel Island, in the center of the inside channel, near Fort Henry



St. Lawrence River Skiff Sailing Race.—This amusement is entered into as enthusiastically by the guests as the guides. The skiffs are ordinary fishing boats. The sails are used in going to and returning from the fishing grounds. The boats are generally made of cedar, mahogany trimmed and finished in the natural wood. They are beautiful to look at, light, easy to row, fast sailers and very staunch. Each oarsman carries a folding table and stools and a full cooking outfit stored away under the seats. It is a favorite amusement for the hotel guests to make up a purse of \$15.00 or \$25.00 and start the guides off on a race for the money. Should two or three of them upset and get a ducking it would only add to the sport, as the first fatal accident in this way has yet to be recorded.



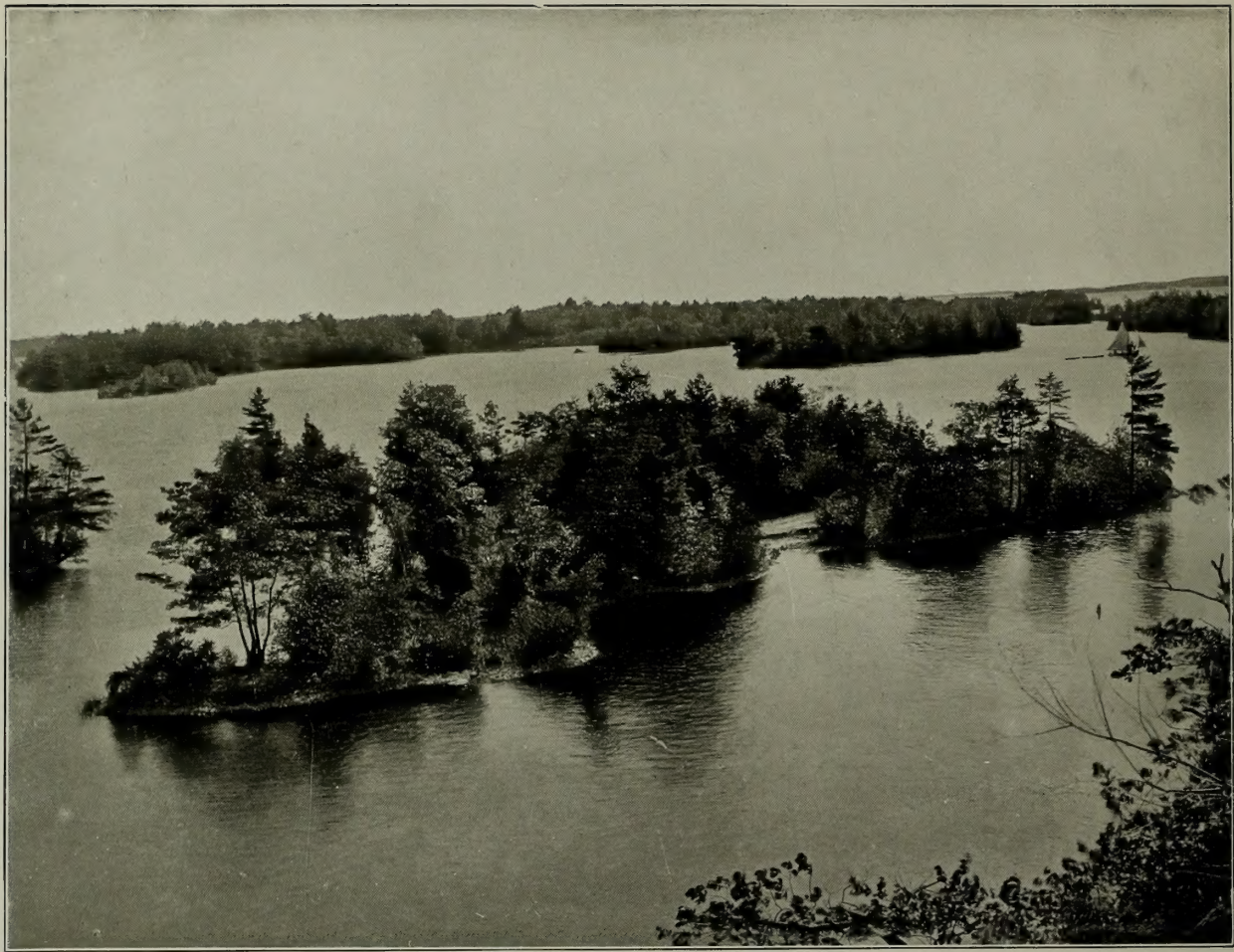
A Group of Islands in Front of Gananoque, Ont.—Gananoque is a bright, energetic, prosperous and healthy town of about five thousand inhabitants, located on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway System and the St. Lawrence River, in the midst of the most beautiful part of the Thousand Islands.



Gananoque Inn.—A first-class summer hotel with all the modern improvements and sanitary advantages. Steamers between Kingston, Brockville, Montreal, Clayton and the Parks call daily. Passengers from all parts of the earth are landed daily from the elegant vestibule trains of the Grand Trunk Railway System.



View from Machar's Point, in Gananoque Bay.



A, Group of Islands near Gananoque.



Meeting of American Canoe Association at Hay Island, near Gananoque.



In the Gananoque Group, near Blue Crane Island.



Village of Thurso on Grindstone Island, Three Miles from Gananoque.



The Manatauck, located on a high point three-fourths of a mile west of Clayton.



A View in the Canadian Channel.



Steamer St. Lawrence on her Searchlight Excursion among the Islands.



Steamer St. Lawrence.—A very fast and popular boat of the Folger Line



Steamer Toronto Discharging Passengers at Clayton, N. Y.



Depot at Clayton N. Y.—Clayton is the Thousand Island terminus of the New York Central Railway and the metropolis of the Thousand Islands. It is the distributing point for all island supplies, has two National banks, three good hotels, several first-class boarding houses, four churches, three telegraph offices, a good fire department, express and telephone service. A new system of sewerage and water works, the sanitary conditions are unsurpassed. Modernly equipped trains are run solid from all parts of the country over the New York Central tracks. Steamers arrive and depart from all island points, at least every half hour. There is no better fishing to be found on the river than at Clayton.



Calumet Island, directly opposite Clayton, owned by Charles G. Emery, also his boat harbor, boat house and custodian's cottage from rear of the island.



The Hubbard House, Clayton, N. Y.



Two Interior Views of Frontenac Hotel



The New Frontenac Hotel and Annex, Round Island, has no superior on the St. Lawrence River, and we doubt if it has at any other resort. Money was not considered in its construction and equipment. The paramount wish of the proprietors was to make it first-class in every particular and equal to anything of the kind on the continent. How well they have succeeded the guests must be the judges.



Looking East from Smoke Island



From the Pullman House Tower, looking towards Clayton.



The Columbian Hotel, Thousand Island Park.



Thousand Island Park Dock, five miles below Clayton, N. Y. It is the Chautauqua of the Thousand Islands and has a population of over ten thousand during the summer months. The Park is laid out in streets and avenues, has over six hundred beautiful cottages, a fine auditorium and one of the best conducted hotels on the river.



View from Tower of Columbian Hotel, Thousand Island Park, looking east.



From the Palisades, near Thousand Island Park.



In the Canadian Channel near Grand View Park.



In the Narrows.



View in the Lost Channel.—The capacity of this book might be taxed with attractive subjects in this bewildering channel, but we must refrain.



A View from Smoke Island in Canadian Channel, on the 50-Mile Trip of the Islands.—By looking in different directions forty-one islands can be counted from this point.



The Rift.—Forming the upper passage into the Lake of the Islands and dividing line between Canada and the United States.

(PHOTO BY GEO. LANSOM)



Finley's Bay, on the Canadian Side.



Near the Head of Lost Channel



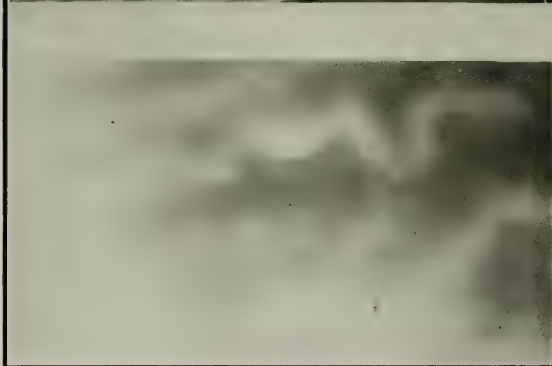
Lily Bay



Entrance to Lily Bay



Edgewood Park, like all other parks on the islands, is controlled by a corporation who own all public property. The ground is laid out in streets and avenues. The lots are leased to prospective cottagers under strict by-laws regarding hygiene, morality and good order.



The Twin Cottages on Cherry Island owned respectively by Messrs. Nathan Straus and A. Abraham of New York City. These two cottages attract the attention of the tourist more than any other, perhaps on account of their similarity in construction and proximity to the steamboat channel. They have a substantial and artistic appearance; the foundation is of solid stone in the rough Ashler style. Cherry Island is about one mile west of Alexandria Bay in the midst of the American Channel, in a group of beautiful islands lavishly ornamented with expensive cottages, boathouses, flowerbeds, flags, etc,



On the Canadian Side



A View in Lost Channel



Steamer Captain Visger passing through the Rift on the Famous "Fifty-Mile Ramble."—This trip was originally surveyed and run by Captain Visger, Sr., before the islands obtained their present notoriety. The trip became very popular, the original boat proved inadequate, a much larger boat was procured, to be again outgrown by the rapidly increasing business. A stock company was then formed and the New Island Wanderer bought and put on the route with Captain Visger in charge. For some reason the company decided to discontinue the business and sold the boat to its present owners, which resulted in retiring the captain. His son built the present steamer "Captain Visger" and started on the route made so popular by his father. The business has again outgrown the little boat, and the captain has procured an associate, which appears in this illustration.



The Sentinel, Lower Entrance to Lake of the Islands



Entrance to the Rift



Entrance to Lake of the Islands



"St. Elmo," N. W. Hunt, Brooklyn, N. Y.



Cottage of J. W. Jackson, Plainfield, N. J.



The Tower on an Island near Alexandria Bay.



Hopewell Hall, built by W. C. Browning, New York City.—This is one of the most attractive cottages on the islands. The grounds are most elaborately decorated with flowers and foliage plants.



Thousand Island House, Alexandria Bay—an up-to-date view



Alexandria Bay is situated in the midst of the Thousand Islands. Here are located some of the finest islands of the entire group, nearly all of which have been taken and improved by some of the wealthiest and best men in the country. Expensive cottages have been built, the grounds laid out in beautiful beds of flowers and foliage plants, walls built along the shores and dotted with electric lights of all colors, electric designs consisting of harps, stars, crescents, hearts, flags, anchors, a full-rigged yacht, the occupant's name in full or his initials, and in many instances the name of the island, house or park. From the hotel veranda is seen the mirror-like surface of the water, multiplying and reflecting the lights on the shore like jewels in a royal diadem, giving the appearance of Fairyland and reminding you of the story of the Arabian Nights.



The Crossmon House, Alexandria Bay.



View from Thousand Island House Tower looking west



A Group of Islands near Alexandria Bay



Bonnie Castle.—Summer residence of the late J. G. Holland, the great author. Now owned by George Boldt, also owner of Heart Island.



A View from Welcome Island



A Camping Party Near Alexandria Bay



Castle Rest, built by the late Geo. M. Pullman of Palace Car fame, is one of the oldest and best known cottages among the islands. Away back in the sixties Mr. Pullman bought a small island for a mere song and built a very unpretentious cottage. In 1872 he invited Generals Grant and Sherman to spend a week at the island as his guests. The invitation was accepted and gave the locality its first great boom as a summer resort. The old cottage has long since been torn down and the present grand structure erected in its place.



Interior View in Hopewell Cottage.—The interior of many of the cottages are veritable palaces in point of furniture and fittings. We have selected two of the best from which others can be judged



Sport Island, one of the first of the Islands to be improved and occupied as a summer residence.



In the Canadian Channel above Lockport.



Dining Room of Geo. Boldt's Cottage



A view of Heart Island and Palatial Summer Residence of George Boldt of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City. There is not a spot on the St. Lawrence where so much money, muscle and brain have been expended to make it the most beautiful spot upon earth as upon this island. We have no way of estimating the exact amount, but we know it has run up into the millions



The Boldt Tower directly opposite **Alexandria Bay** on **Heart Island**.—Also **Power House** and **Bridge** connecting it with the island, owned by **George Boldt** of **New York City**.



The New Island Wanderer on Her Famous "Fifty-Mile Ramble."—The most enchanting trip among the islands. Do not fail to make it.



Little Lehi from Sport Island.



Thousand Island Yacht Club House.—The Club is composed of some of the best business men in the country who have their summer homes at the Thousand Islands. Their object is social enjoyment, to encourage fishing and yachting, and to protect and improve the fishing interest on the St. Lawrence River.



Steam Yacht Ramona.—On her Club Ramble among the Thousand Islands. A trip on board the steel-built, elegantly equipped pleasure yacht Ramona, is the most enchanting, delightful and invigorating trip that can be imagined. You may take the trip from Kingston to Ogdensburg, through the American Channel and return by way of Brockville through the Canadian Channel to the place of starting, and think you have seen all that there is to be seen of this famous resort, but you are very much mistaken. You have but a faint idea of the wonderful beauties of this lovely spot. To be taken on board one of those elegantly fitted, fast running, perfectly safe pleasure yachts, and for three long hours, which seem but a fraction of one, swiftly glide through narrow and intricate passages winding in and out among beautiful emerald isles, is joy unabounding. The island shores are rock-bound, decorated with running vines and evergreen foliage. The water is as clear as crystal and as pure as a dewdrop. When the gallant little craft again touches the dock and the captain announces the trip has been completed, the passengers step on shore with a sigh of regret that it was not of longer duration.



Looking West from the Cottage Tower on Comfort Island, the Summer Home of A. E. Clark, of Chicago, Ill.



Fairyland near Alexandria Bay



Belle Isle below Alexandria Bay



A Picnic Dinner

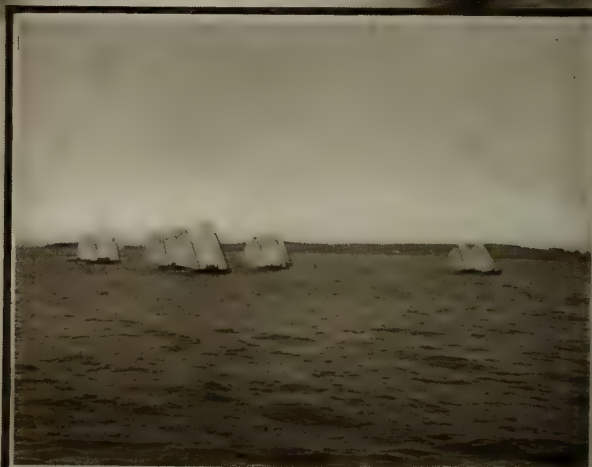


Oriental Island

Swift Water Point



Brockville.—A flourishing little town of about nine thousand inhabitants located on the Canadian side of the river at the lower end of the island group, named in honor of General Brock, the hero of Queenston Heights. It is on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway and a branch of the Canadian Pacific running to Ottawa.



Boating and Bathing near Brockville

(PHOTOS BY MURRAY)



Swift Water Point



The Canadian Pacific Railway Bridge.—A magnificent iron structure built on the cantilever principle and very much resembling the international bridge at Niagara Falls. When the old Victoria bridge was built across the river at Montreal about forty years ago, it was considered the greatest engineering feat of the age and one of the wonders of the world. Now the river is spanned by four iron bridges, viz: at Cornwall, Valleyfield, Lachine and Montreal.



Big John Canada, the Indian pilot who formerly conducted the American steamers down the Lachine Rapids.



Baptiste Taiaiake, the Indian who first piloted a Richelieu steamer down the Lachine Rapids, has long since passed away and has been succeeded by his sons.



A Canoe Going Up the Lachine Rapids for the Purpose of Photographing the Steamer on Her way down.—This is a very laborious and hazardous undertaking and only accomplished by superior strength and skill. It is with great reluctance the photographer starts out upon this mission, well knowing that it means a long day of hard labor, and when he gets to his destination has only a rock large enough to set his camera tripod on, upon which to stand and await the coming of the steamer.



Steamer Corsican in the Lachine Rapids. Soon after passing under the Canada Pacific Railroad Bridge the announcement is made that the steamer is about to enter the Lachine Rapids. The announcement seems to strike every passenger with awe, and with abated breath they rush for the bow deck to witness the passing of the most exciting, most celebrated and difficult to navigate of all the rapids. They are not kept long in suspense. A few minutes later the noble steamer is tranquilly passing under the great Victoria bridge and rounding up into the historic city of Montreal.



The New Victoria Jubilee Bridge, Reconstructed in 1899
The Old Victoria Tubular Bridge, Opened in the Year 1860

The old Victoria bridge was acknowledged to be one of the greatest feats of engineering skill known to the world. It was designed by the celebrated English engineer, Robert Stephenson. The upper view is the newly reconstructed bridge with all the old tubular work removed. This was designed and carried out by Mr. Hobson, the famous engineer of the Grand Trunk Railway. The old bridge cost \$6,500,000 and the work of reconstruction of the bridge as it now stands, \$1,500,000 more.

